

REMARKS

In the examiner's final rejection contained in his Office Action dated May 14, 2008, the examiner rejected claims 1-24 under 35 USC 103(a) based on Rajarajan (6950990) and Bocioned (20020093537).

Each pending independent claim specifies that "provisioning hardware resources comprises configuring physical links or service channels among network elements." This feature is not disclosed or suggested by Rajarajan, nor does the addition of Bocioned cure this defect. Since neither of the cited references disclose or suggest the configuration of physical links or service channels among network elements, there is no prima facie case of obviousness.

Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the specification at page 4 lines 1-5, Page 5 lines 4-9, and Page 8 line 9 through Page 10 Line 20 for example.

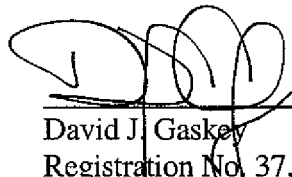
Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2008 for one month, the period to end on September 14, 2008.

Applicant believes that additional fees in the amount of \$1130.00 are required for a one month extension of time, four new claims in excess of 20, and RCE filing fees. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds in the amount of \$1130.00, as well as for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully Submitted,

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